

ROAD BOND BILL PASSED BY HOUSE

Measure Carries Out Plan Indorsed by State Highway Commission.

NOW GOES TO FINAL READING

Six Months' Minimum School Term Bill Discussed in Senate.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Raleigh, N. C., February 21.—By a vote of 51 to 5 the House passed the Kellum bill providing for the semi-annual issuance of \$200,000 4 per cent state bonds, to be used in financing road bonds issued by counties at 5 per cent for road building, the bonds to run for forty-one years, by which time the 1 per cent sinking fund will have provided for liquidation. It is the bond issue plan worked out by W. S. Wilson, of the Department of State, and indorsed by the State Highway Association and other road building interests of the State. The bill passed second reading with very little discussion and took its place on the calendar for final reading tomorrow.

In the Senate the resignation of W. E. Hooks as engrossing clerk, ill health being assigned as the cause, was received, and W. H. Sawyer, of Raleigh, was elected in his stead. Mr. Sawyer was a candidate for the place at the beginning of the session.

The six months' minimum school term bill from the House was further discussed by the Senate and passed on second reading, 44 to 1, or rather, this was the vote on the adoption of the Bryant amendment empowering counties to levy a special 2 per cent tax for county purposes when county authorities deem this necessary in connection with the operation of the school term act. The bill passed second reading unanimously.

Representative Bellamy, of Brunswick, introduced to-day the bills to carry out the agreement between Wilmington and New Hanover and Brunswick Counties for the elimination of the toll ferry across the Cape Fear and for Wilmington to build the steel bridge across Brunswick River. This involves bills in which Brunswick cedes Eagle Island to New Hanover, and another bill providing for an election in Brunswick on issuing bonds for the bridge.

Mr. Bellamy says the people will certainly vote the bonds.

A bill to incorporate the North Carolina Rural Loan Bank was introduced in the House to-day by Kellum, of New Hanover, the establishment of such an institution being for the special purpose of providing rural credits for farmers of the State, to be subject to ratification by the vote of the people. Complete machinery for operating the bank is provided through a board of trustees headed by the Governor, Attorney-General and State Treasurer. For 4 1/2 per cent state bonds are to be issued to provide the loan fund and that the bank shall handle in providing credit for farmers.

Representative Williams, of Buncombe, introduced a bill for State construction to construct a turnpike through Hickory Nut Gap from Rutherford County, through Henderson County to Buncombe, eight miles, to form an important link in the great highway scheme from Central to Western Carolina, Raleigh, Charlotte and Rutherford, to Asheville. The bill provides that after this link is constructed three counties of Rutherford, Henderson and Buncombe shall maintain it.

CHINA'S DOWAGER EMPRESS DEAD

Widow of Emperor Kwangsu Had Been Ill But Few Days.

Peking, February 22.—Ye Ho Na La, Empress dowager of China, died at 2:50 o'clock this morning. She was the widow of Emperor Kwangsu, who died November 13, 1908.

The Empress had been ill only a few days. The actual cause of the death is unknown, but it is said the symptoms of her ailment resembled appendicitis. She was attended only by a Chinese doctor.

The former imperial family was to remove to the inner portion of the Forbidden City to make room for the government in the eastern portion.

Goodman—Traylor.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Winterport, Va., February 21.—Centenary Church, Winterport, was the scene of a very pretty ceremony Wednesday afternoon when Miss Mabel Traylor and John W. Goodman, formerly of Cumberland County, were married. The Rev. J. S. Graham, of Randolph-Macon College, officiated. The church was decorated in running order and yellow roses. The bride came in with her maid of honor, Miss Sadie Winkler. The groom's best man was Eddie Clark. The other attendants were Miss Annie Vaden, with Willie Traylor, and Miss Emma Cox, with Lawrence Clark. The bride and groom left at once for a trip to Florida.

A SUFFRAGETTE IN PRISON



MISS SYLVIA PANKHURST, member of the London family of militants, has been sentenced to two months in jail for her activities for "the cause." Here she is shown in prison garb.

News of South Richmond.

FAKER HEAVILY FINED

For peddling without a license, A. W. Morton, forty-six years old, was yesterday fined \$100 and costs by Justice H. A. Maurice, in Police Court, Part II. An appeal to Hustings Court, Part II, was noted, but as the man was unable to produce bond, he was sent to the City Jail to await a new trial.

Morton, posing as an inspector from the Water Department, was arrested for selling small filters to a negro woman. His method of disposing of the device was to gain an entrance to the house by his uniform, and after attaching the filter to a spigot, demand the small sum of 10 cents to cover the costs. His victims were scattered over the entire city. Several appeared in court yesterday as witnesses against him.

To Hold Special Election.

Preparations are being made in Mattoaca District, Chesterfield County, for a special election on March 8 to vote on a bond issue for school purposes. The school and civic league of the district schools are lined up solidly behind the issue, and are greatly encouraged at the prospect of success.

To Celebrate Holiday.

Washington's Birthday will be celebrated to-day by the closing of many of the business houses and offices. The school will be closed the entire day, as will the municipal offices. At the Manchester Station of the post-office the usual holiday hours will be observed. The office will be open until noon. One delivery and collection will be made at 9:30 A. M.

True Reformers Are Sued.

Motions for judgment were yesterday entered in Hustings Court, Part II, by two persons who allege that the grand fountain, United Order of True Reformers, is indebted to them, Annie E. Rooks is seeking to recover \$784.47 and James E. Mullen, \$250. Both are represented by David Meade White.

Plaintiff Gets \$280.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff was returned yesterday in the suit of T. Lynch Hubbard against E. A. Catlin, on trial in Hustings Court, Part II, \$280, which was claimed as commissions on the sale of property which he disposed of as agent for the defendant. C. M. Chichester appeared for the plaintiff and R. W. Carrington for the defendant.

Magistrate Chatham Acts.

Following the recent ruling of Judge Robert G. Southall, of the Chesterfield Circuit Court, Magistrate L. W. Chatham yesterday conducted the hearing of the criminal docket in the Swansboro court. Fine of \$3 and costs was collected from H. Harrison for cruelty to animals.

Isaac King, colored, charged with an assault on an employee of the Southern Railway Company, was granted a continuance until next week.

Ordered to Vacate.

Forty-eight hours was yesterday given William Pleasant, colored, in which to vacate his home at Twelfth and Deatur Streets. He has been served with notices from the office of the Building Inspector, but has not paid any attention to them. He was then summoned to court, with the result

that he was ordered out. The building has been condemned as unsafe, and a deputy inspector was in court to testify as to its condition.

Funeral of Mr. Freeman.

The funeral of William Freeman, who died Thursday afternoon, was held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home. The services were conducted by Rev. F. Ernest Warren, rector of Meade Memorial Episcopal Church. The burial was in Maury Cemetery. Mr. Freeman was seventy-two years old, and is survived by one daughter, Miss Ida Freeman.

Mrs. Bessie Gentry.

Mrs. Bessie Gentry, wife of J. H. Gentry, of 1217 Perry Street, died Thursday at Pine Camp, after a protracted illness. The remains were shipped to Randleman, N. C., yesterday for burial.

Funeral of Small Boy.

The funeral of Arthur D. Dunnivant, the eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dunnivant, was held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the parents' home, 1425 Decatur Street. Rev. John W. Kinchelov conducted the services. Interment was in Maury Cemetery.

Chemicals Put Out Fire.

Quick action with the chemical engine from Company No. 13, last night at 7 o'clock, prevented a fire at the new building now being erected by the Merchants and Mechanics Bank. A pile of lumber used in the construction of the building was in a bright blaze when discovered by Officer Westcott. The boards were piled close to several frame buildings.

Holiday Entertainment.

The Swansboro Civic and School League met yesterday at the school-house and were entertained by appropriate exercises given by the children. In celebration of Washington's Birthday.

The Lilliputian marriage was the final attraction at the bazaar given this week at Bainbridge Street Baptist Church.

Personal Mention.

Howard Flippin will return to-day from Rocky Mount, N. C., where he has been on a business trip.

Officer G. P. Sharp left last night for the home of his wife's parents, in Chesterfield County, where Mrs. Sharp is seriously ill.

Mrs. R. E. Owen and daughter, Miss Laura Owen, have returned from Danville, where they were the guests of Mrs. Charles G. Pettit.

U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals reconvened yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, with Circuit Judges Goff and Pritchard and District Judges Boyd, Dayton and Smith in attendance.

John J. T. O'Brien, of Wheeling, W. Va., was admitted to practice in this court.

The following case was argued: No. 144—Wheeling Terminal Railway Company, plaintiff in error, vs. Samuel J. T. Russell, defendant in error. In error to the District Court at Wheeling, W. Va. Cause argued by J. R. Somerville, of Wheeling, W. Va., for the plaintiff in error, and by John A. Howard, for the defendant in error, and submitted.

Court adjourned until this morning at 11 o'clock.

There will be no case in the call to-day, but the court will hold a conference session upon cases heretofore argued and remaining undecided.

WANT MORE BIDS ON SMOOTH PAVING

Board Still Adding to Its List of Proposed Improvements.

Bids were invited by the Administrative Board yesterday for smooth paving Thirty-second Street from Broad to Marshall Street, for smooth paving Grace Street from Meadow to Allison; for small paving Fifth Street from Louisiana to Nicholson, and for small paving Nicholson from Third to Fourth Street. Bids were also invited for cutting, stacking and hauling 500 cords of wood from Joseph Bryan Park to the City Almshouse.

City Engineer Bolling reported that he could purchase blue print paper for use in his office at much less cost than the price fixed in the annual stationery contract with the Southern Star and Stationery Company. His letter was ordered filed.

There will be no formal meeting of the Administrative Board to-day, though a conference session of the members will be held.

Members of the board yesterday afternoon made an informal inspection of the site of the Monroe Terrace Apartment House with regard to the application to place an ash hoist and coal chute in the alley in the rear, to which objection is made by other property owners on the block.

Superintendent Trafford, of the City Electric Plant, was instructed to set up for experimental purposes a number of lamps of a new type, to determine whether they are suitable for the lighting of the new Mayo Bridge. The board received a letter from the Southern Railway Company stating that it was willing to begin work on the new concrete railway bridge over Gillies Creek in connection with the city's wharf and Lester Street plans, as soon as assured of the co-operation of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, which has an interest in this extension. The letter was ordered sent to President George W. Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio, with the request that his company take early action.

ORATORS LOOK TO HENRY GRADY

His Work Fills Program of Richmond College Declamation Contest To-Night.

Promptly at 8:15 o'clock to-night, in the auditorium of Richmond College, will be fired the first gun of an interscholastic oratorical salvo which will reverberate down the collegiate halls until eleven young men have unbundled themselves of their juvenile luggage in the effort to win the medal given in the interscholastic declamation contest.

Although the day in Washington's birthday, the youthful orators have one and all passed up a glorious opportunity to eulogize the first President's farewell address and Patrick Henry's memorable call to arms. The life, the work, the genius of the late Henry W. Grady have claimed the attention of the declaimers, almost to the exclusion of the familiar old subjects which have made such oratorical contests famous.

Three young students, from widely separated sections of the State, have elected to deliver eulogies on Grady and Grady's estimate of Abraham Lincoln, while his topic, "The New South," has appealed to still another couple. In the intermissions between the flow of oratory the Richmond College Glee Club will disseminate mixed melodies. The following judges will determine the merits of the declaimers and award the medal: Lieutenant-Governor J. Taylor Eliason, the Hon. Clay Lilly, D. D., and W. G. Stunard. The program:

Levering Early, Staunton High School; subject, "Napoleon to His Soldiers Before the Battle of the Pyramids."

John West, Jr., Waverly High School; subject, "Eulogy on Henry W. Grady."

Clayton Duncan, Hampton High School; subject, "Catching the Early Morning Train."

Paul Sanford, Chatham Training School; subject, "The Black Horse and Its Rider."

Andrew Russell, Hampton High School; subject, "Spartacus to the Gladiators."

Alexander Luther Divins, Newport News High School; subject, "Eulogy on Henry W. Grady."

Henry H. Morris, Augusta Military Academy; subject, "The Prisoner's Plea."

Guy M. Houchins, Blackstone Academy; subject, "The New South."

Thomas Bury, Chester Agricultural High School; subject, "Grady's Estimate of Abraham Lincoln."

J. Caldwell Wicker, Richmond Academy; subject, "The Deathbed of Benedict Arnold."

W. W. Burton, Fork Union Military Academy; subject, "The New South."

Governor Goes to Norfolk.

Governor Mann returned just before noon yesterday from New York, where he delivered an address. Thursday night before the Northern Board of Trade. He speedily disposed of the day's mail, and left in the afternoon to attend a banquet given last night in Norfolk to the Tri-State Medical Conference. The Governor will be back in his office to-day.

Rule Against Corporation.

A rule was issued yesterday by the State Corporation Commission against the Danville Furniture Company to show cause why it should not be fined for failure to make reports as required by law.

New President of Anti-Saloon League



J. W. HOUGH, of Norfolk.

ALL CONCRETE NOW IN PLACE

Broad Street Paving Contract Is Nearing Completion—New Bids Already In.

Contractor John J. Curley completed yesterday the concrete foundation for the Broad Street paving to Third Street, the extent of the present contract. Mr. Curley and Assistant City Engineer P. P. Talafarro state that the entire job can now be completed in not more than ten working days, the actual laying of the paving blocks having proved to be the smallest part of this undertaking. Contractor Curley started actual work late in September, the former Council Committee on Streets having delayed for more than six months about awarding a contract, allowing the best construction months of the year to slip away. In addition to the work contracted for by Mr. Curley as local agent of the Washington Asphalt Block and Tile Company, the street railway tracks from Tenth to Third Street have been entirely reconstructed, with new rails on concrete foundations, and bonded, and electric conduits have been laid by the Virginia Railway and Power Company near the curb line on both sides of the street. A large number of gas services have also been renewed, several hundred yards of new curbing has been set, and the crossings at street intersections have been replaced, all with a view of making a complete job of the paving, which will not soon again have to be cut to pieces.

All of the conduit and track work on Third Street and all underground conduits has been completed, and the concrete bed for the last half-block of paving was poured yesterday.

The southern half of the street from Tenth to Third has been opened to traffic for some weeks. The northern half has been opened to the western side of Seventh Street. The paving has been laid from Seventh to Fifth and will be opened to travel in a few days, and only two half-blocks of paving remain to be laid on the northern side of the street from Fifth to Third.

Already the Administrative Board has in hand bids for the further westward paving of the street of the same material, and it is expected that a contract will be awarded as soon as the annual budget has been approved—that is, about the middle of March—when the further paving will be done at once, without allowing the job to hang over, as it did last summer, until the best months for such work have passed.

Charters Issued.

Amendment to Thornhill Wagon Company, Lynchburg, Va., increasing its maximum capital, \$300,000, to \$1,000,000.

Amendment to charter Richmond Trust and Savings Company, Incorporated.

rated, Richmond, Va., enlarging its powers.

Virginia Osteopathic Society, Richmond, Va. S. H. Bright, president, Norfolk; W. D. Bowen, secretary and treasurer, Richmond; J. M. Wolfe, Bristol, Va. No capital. Object: Benevolent association.

Blue Ribbon Garage, Incorporated, Richmond, Va. E. M. Jones, president; E. H. Grady, vice-president; C. H. Grady, secretary and treasurer, all of Richmond. Capital: \$10,000 to \$20,000. Object: Automobile business.

The Loudoun Horticultural Association, Incorporated, Leesburg, Va. W. M. Scott, president, Baltimore, Md.; Joseph Vandeventer, vice-president, Loudoun Springs, Va.; L. R. Page, secretary and treasurer, Leesburg, Va. Capital: \$500 to \$15,000. Object: Horticultural society.

North Richmond Realty Corporation, Richmond, Va. Irving E. Campbell, president; E. R. Farmer, vice-president; R. P. Anderson, Jr., secretary and treasurer, all of Richmond. Capital: \$5,000 to \$15,000.

Colonial Academy and Social Club, Incorporated, Richmond, Va. Frank J. Mayo, president; Charles Robinson, secretary and treasurer; James M. Jones, all of Richmond. Capital: \$500 to \$10,000. Object: Operate amusement business.

Convicted of Murder.

Daniel Bowler, colored, was convicted yesterday in the Hustings Court of murder in the second degree and sentenced to serve fifteen years in the penitentiary. He was charged with the murder of Arthur Harris on October 22, 1912, at Twenty-sixth and Main Streets with a knife.

The suit was originally brought against John Jacob Astor, as Vincent was under age. Now that the son has attained his majority, the suit is directed against him. The case came into court to-day, when counsel for Astor asked for a bill of particulars.

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SUIT AGAINST VINCENT ASTOR

Injured Motorcyclist Asks Damages in Sum of \$25,000.

White Plains, N. Y., February 21.—Charles E. Palmer, of Tarrytown, has brought suit in the Supreme Court for \$25,000 damages against William Vincent Astor, son of the late John Jacob Astor, for injuries received on September 31, 1910, at Irvington. According to Palmer, Vincent Astor was driving an automobile at a mile a minute along Broadway in Irvington, when, turning out to pass a car, the machine crashed into the motorcycle Palmer was riding. Palmer was thrown thirty feet, he alleges, and his left leg and two ribs were broken.

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